

TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Easton Town Hall
14 S. Harrison Street

April 20, 2009

PRESENT AT CONVENING

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey	11 Councilmember Scott R. Jensen
9 Council President John F. Ford	12 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski
10 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone	13 Councilmember Moonyene Jackson-Amis

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch, Town Planner Mr. Hamilton and Town Clerk Ms. Ruf.

CONVENING

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

Ms. Malone opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ford stated that prior to the Regularly Scheduled Council meeting, a Closed Session was held this evening regarding the consideration of a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2009 MEETINGS

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the April 6, 2009 meetings were approved as written.

ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY

Mayor Willey stated that in the next packet will be the re-appointment of Mr. Roger Bollman, Ms. Lena Gill and Mr. Mac Brittingham to the Historic District Commission and possibly Mr. Pete Leshner.

Mayor Willey stated that the Public Works Open House will be held May 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Fire Board will report to the Council at the next meeting activities and actions taken to reduce the siren activity in town and their plans in the immediate future.

Ms. Jackson-Amis asked if the Potter's have been advised of the dedication.

Mayor Willey stated that as soon as the signs have been received, they will be notified.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO MR. GARY SHORTALL, MANAGER SHORE HEALTH LABORATORIES REGARDING MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK

Ms. Jackson-Amis presented a Proclamation to Mr. Gary Shortall proclaiming April 19 through April 25, 2009 Medical Laboratory Week.

ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Karge asked for the acceptance of the following bids:

- Zero Turn Diesel Powered Turn Mower from Rio Del Mar in Easton for \$12, 599
- Ultra Low Volume Cold Aerosol Generator Mosquito Sprayer from Clarke Mosquito Control for \$8,720
- Reconstruction of brick wall at Town Office which has been approved by the Historic District Commission from Harper & Sons in Easton for \$36,936. Mr. Karge stated that the amount estimated in the budget was \$22,000 leaving a shortfall of \$14,936 which the Mayor intends to fund through the contingency account.

1 Upon motion by Mr. Jensen seconded by Ms. Jackson-Amis and carried unanimously; the bids were
2 accepted.

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4 **MR. MIKE HENRY, AIRPORT MANAGER TO DISCUSS AVIGATION EASEMENT**

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6 Mr. Henry requested Council approval for appraisal participation agreement for an avigation and
7 clearance easement on the Mistletoe Hall property. He stated that this is required to protect the airspace
8 around the Airport. Mr. Henry stated that they have identified trees that penetrated the airspace and
9 they have the option of topping them which usually eventually kills the trees or removing them. They
10 are proposing to remove the trees. Mr. Henry stated that they are asking for an easement on the entire
11 property of 84 acres however they are only removing six acres of trees that are closest to the runway.
12 They have a draft replacement schedule and plan to replace the trees. He stated that the Town has the
13 option of what type of trees to replace the removed trees with. Mr. Henry stated that they will replace
14 the trees with 8' to 12' trees. He stated that they plan to purchase an additional 18 acres in Talbot
15 County that meets the Fish and Wildlife's criteria due to mitigation efforts. They need the participation
16 agreement for the appraisal process not later than April 30, 2009.

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18 Mr. Wendowski made a motion to approve the request.

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20 Ms. VanEmburch stated that she has not reviewed the easement but the Council may want to approve
21 the easement subject to the Town Attorney's review of the actual legal document and subject to not
22 needing any legislative action.

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24 Mr. Wendowski amended the motion. Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and
25 carried unanimously, approval was granted to execute an appraisal participation agreement for an
26 avigation easement subject to the Town Attorney's review of the actual legal document and subject to
27 not needing any legislative action.

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29 Mr. Henry stated that tonight he was not asking for approval of the easement but approval for the
30 appraisal.

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32 **TALBOT COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MS. PAIGE**
33 **BETHKE TO UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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35 Mr. Wendowski introduced Mr. Ron Frampton, Vice Chairman Talbot County Economic
36 Development. Mr. Frampton stated Talbot County Economic Development Commission gave a
37 briefing to the Talbot County Council on the economic health of the county. He stated that Ms. Paige
38 Bethke will present the report as given to the Talbot County Council.

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40 Ms. Paige Bethke, Economic Development for Talbot County, presented the current economic health
41 of Talbot County. She stated that the report was generated in October 2008 before the economic
42 downfall. Ms. Bethke discussed the role of Talbot County's Economic Development Commission. She
43 said their overall effort is to promote a vibrant and healthy community for the towns and to support the
44 economy. There is also concern to retain the historical and cultural resources which reference to an
45 agricultural base. Ms. Bethke discussed recommendations for good economic development projects.
46 She discussed income diversity in Talbot County versus surrounding counties and the retirement base.
47 She reported that 52.9% of personal income is the highest in the state while the earned income was the
48 lowest in the state. Ms. Bethke stated that there are few middle income jobs and few middle income
49 earners and the county needs to grow the middle; clean mid level tech jobs. She stated that the
50 recommendation to the County Council was that they take a leadership role to fund and execute an
51 effort focusing on business retention and attraction; recruiting of new targeting industries, increasing
52 mid level employment and a county wide plan for the future.

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54 Ms. Bethke invited the Council to an economic networking breakfast April 30 at 8:30 a.m. at Krystal
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57 **MEMO FROM TOWN PLANNER REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR AMENDMENT TO**
58 **WATERSIDE VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER (FOUNTAIN REQUIRED IN CONDITION**
59 **TO BE CHANGED TO A CLOCK).**

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61 Mr. Hamilton stated that Ordinance 492 approved the PUD and a series of conditions which contained
62 a provision calling for a pedestrian calling center on the cross of the Dudrow connector road (Marlboro
63 Avenue). He stated there was a feature indicating a fountain. The Planning and Zoning Commission
64 reviewed the request for the change and approved the request 4 to 1 to recommend approval.

1 Ms. VanEmburch discussed the original 2004 PMR approval and subsequent amendment with
2 conditions. She discussed PUD amendment procedures.

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4 Mr. Jim Reilly, Remco Properties/BET Investments discussed installing a clock tower versus a
5 fountain at the gathering place for Waterside Village.

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7 Mr. Wendowski stated that he is satisfied with the clock tower.

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9 Mr. Jensen stated that he would like to make the change in the condition as easy as possible.

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11 Ms. VanEmburch stated that the Council could pass an ordinance which would require no public
12 hearing.

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14 It was the consensus of the Council to approve the request for the change.

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16 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION AND**
17 **BALLOT**

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19 Upon motion by Ms. Jackson-Amis seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously; the Board
20 of Trustees as submitted by Local Government Insurance Trust was approved.

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22 **REVIEW OF INVOICES TOTALING \$1,536,221.87**

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24 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously; invoices totaling
25 \$1,536,221.87 were approved for payment.

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27 **ITEMS FROM COUNCIL**

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29 Ms. Malone discussed concerns regarding changes in the trash pickup scheduling.

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31 Mr. Karge discussed the automated trash pilot program.

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33 **ADJOURNMENT**

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35 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried unanimously; President Ford
36 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:26 p.m.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk